

Two Seniors Receive Minnesota High Tech Association STEM scholarships

St. Paul, Minn. – Two Macalester seniors, Eric Biggers from Verona, Wis., and Nathan Leech of Mound, Minn., have received the Minnesota High Tech Association (MHTA) Foundation annual scholarships awarded to undergraduate students who excel in programs geared toward science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) disciplines. Only 15 students across the state of Minnesota received the award.

Scholarships are offered to help Minnesota undergraduate students in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) disciplines work toward their degrees. These awards range from \$2,500 – \$5,000 and can include internship opportunities at MHTA member companies. For the past several years, the MHTA Foundation has supported Minnesota college students with more than \$70,000 in annual scholarship awards.

“It has meant a lot to me to receive one of the MHTA scholarships,” said Biggers. “The Tekne Awards (ceremony) were pretty incredible, and it was a great experience to meet people from various companies and organizations. It shows there are a lot of technology companies here in Minnesota, and I felt honored to receive one of the scholarships being sponsored by one of them (Thomson Reuters).”

Members of the MHTA Foundation Board of Directors review applications. These individuals represent Minnesota companies and higher education institutions and are committed to developing a well-educated technology literate workforce.

“It was an honor to receive the scholarship, said Leech. “I was able to attend the Tekne Awards ceremony, which was a wonderful opportunity to meet people working in STEM, and an inspiring showcase of the work that Minnesota has accomplished in the technology industry. It made me even more eager to start my career. I am also very appreciative of the financial support from the MHTA Foundation; it will really help me through this last year of school.”

Each student receives \$5000 each.

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Eric Biggers

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Nathan Leech

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